

They are locked up in jail cells. And in most instances it is found that they are not in this country illegally at all. Based on the laws, they have as much right to be here as anybody else, but despite what the words of the law says about people called Hispanics, Mexicans, or Chicanos, the reality in the operation of the law is entirely different from what it is to those who are paler of skin and bluer of eye. I think this commission is very important and essential. At a time when the national administration is doing all it can to overcome and erase advancements that were made in what is called the area of civil rights, it would not be desirable for the state to join lockstep with the federal government and do that same thing by totally abolishing the only agency that these people have that can make them feel the government takes any interest in them whatsoever. So I am asking that on page 4 you will strike the language that would eliminate this agency and I know you can't put yourself in the position of people who need something like this. You might say it is inconsequential, yet it is inconsequential to you. You don't have a White-American Commission and do you know why you don't have a White-American Commission? Because white people own everything, white people control everything. There are white people who yesterday called what the Legislature did on Commonwealth the blackest day in the Legislature, yet the ones who did it are white. Everything not white is equated with that which is evil, dirty, negative, destructive, and hurtful. Everything white is uplifting and great. When the taxes were felt not to be bad here, Nebraska was called the White State, the White Spot in the Nation. You don't realize how many times you insult, degrade, and humiliate people in your day to day language, and use and selection of words, and you have editors who will put headlines an inch big "THIS IS THE BLACKEST DAY IN NEBRASKA" and they do it, and people who are not white are not supposed to react. Destroy the agency, abolish the commission, but I hope you think well of what it is you are really doing, and you consider how far-reaching that act is, and for those people who feel like Senator Smith that voting on a package is more important than upholding important principles, I hope you will do as Senator Warner did yesterday on an issue which he said he would vote against. Think about the importance of it and be able to make distinctions and say some forms are not as important as the substance of that with which we are dealing. And I hope you will vote to remove the Mexican-American Commission from those programs that are to